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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following abstract:

A centralized identity management service includes a dynamically configured client interface that communicates with a directory access daemon. The data access daemon processes and fulfills requests by communicating with third party databases. A data access layer is interposed between the data access daemon and databases to allow the directories to be modified without affecting the data access daemon. Providing a self-configuring user interface facilitates rapid creation of network services and allows the services to be modified without manually reconfiguring the user interface. Common data format schemas facilitates deployment of new services on the network by allowing services to be defined to take advantage of the features provided by the identity management infrastructure.